

IN THE CLAIMS:

Following is a listing of the pending claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing electronic monolithic ceramic components, the manufacturing apparatus comprising:

a sheet supplier for supplying a plurality of types of ceramic green sheets in a predetermined order, the sheet supplier including a plurality of trays, each tray being adapted to sort and hold at least one ceramic green sheet, the plurality of ceramic green sheets being sorted and held in the plurality of trays according to type, a rack for vertically aligning the plurality of trays, and a tray drawer device for drawing trays from the rack according to a predetermined order;

a laminator for laminating the plurality of ceramic green sheets supplied by the sheet supplier; and

a conveyor device for picking up a single ceramic green sheet from a drawn tray and conveying the single ceramic green sheet to the laminator.

2. (Original) A manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing electronic monolithic ceramic components according to claim 1, wherein the sheet supplier includes a drive for driving the rack to be raised and lowered in a vertical direction, and wherein the tray drawer device is arranged to draw a tray from the rack when, as the result of the rack being at least one of raised and lowered by the drive, the tray is positioned at a predetermined height.

3. (Original) A manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing electronic monolithic ceramic components according to claim 1, wherein at least some ceramic green sheets of the same type are stacked one above another in a single tray to form a stack of ceramic green sheets, and the conveyor device comprises a chucking device for chucking a topmost ceramic green sheet of the stack of the ceramic green sheets in the tray for conveyance.

4. (Original) A manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing electronic monolithic ceramic components according to claim 2, wherein at least some ceramic green sheets of the same type are stacked one above another in a single tray to form a stack of ceramic green sheets, and the conveyor device comprises a chucking device for chucking a topmost ceramic green sheet of the stack of the ceramic green sheets in the tray for conveyance.

Kindly add the following new claims:

5. (New) A manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing electronic monolithic ceramic components, the manufacturing apparatus comprising:

a sheet supplier for supplying a plurality of types of ceramic green sheets in a predetermined order, the sheet supplier including a plurality of trays, each tray being adapted to hold at least one ceramic green sheet, at least two of the trays holding two different types of ceramic green sheet, respectively, the plurality of ceramic green sheets being held in the plurality of trays according to type, a rack for vertically aligning the plurality of trays, and a tray drawer device for drawing the at least two trays from the rack according to a predetermined order;

a laminator for laminating the plurality of ceramic green sheets supplied by the sheet supplier; and

a conveyor device for picking up a single ceramic green sheet from a drawn tray and conveying the single ceramic green sheet to the laminator.

6. (New) A manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing electronic monolithic ceramic components, the manufacturing apparatus comprising:

a sheet supplier for supplying a plurality of types of ceramic green sheets in a predetermined order, the sheet supplier including a plurality of trays, in each tray the ceramic green sheets being sorted according to the respective type thereof and a plurality of ceramic green sheets of the same type being stored on each tray, a rack for vertically aligning the plurality of trays, each of the trays including the plurality of ceramic green sheets of the same type, and a tray drawer device for drawing trays from the rack according to a predetermined order;

a laminator for laminating the plurality of ceramic green sheets supplied by the sheet supplier; and

a conveyor device for picking up a single ceramic green sheet from a drawn tray and conveying the single ceramic green sheet to the laminator.